(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Sanctioning of films for exhibition falls under the Union List and is done by the Central Board of Film Certification under the Provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, Rules and Guidelines thereunder. Norms for cert.wcation of films are the same for the entire country.

(c) Does not arise.

Completion of Doordarshan Kendra building, Goa

2591. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed building of the Doordarshan Kendra, Goa is complete;

(b) if not, date by which, the building is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the machinery required for the new studio have been obtained'ordered;

(d) the price at which each of the machinery/equipment has been ordered/obtained and details as regards the use of the machinery/equipment;

(e) date by when the studio is likely to be commissioned; and

(0 date by when regional news bulletins are likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (d) Yes , Sir. Technical areas of the building have been completed.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Part machinery for the new Studio has been ordered Expenditure incurred on the project so far is Rs. 96.45 lakhs.

(e) As per present indication, new Studio is likely to be completed by October, 2008

(0 As of now, there is no proposal to start a Regional News Bulletin for DDK., Goa.

Inability of cable operators to Implement CAS

2592. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cable operators of the four Metro Cities have expressed their inability to implement the Conditional Access System (CAS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have accepted the suggestions given by the cable operators in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Conditional Access System (CAS) in notified areas of metro

cities of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata has been implemented since 31.12.2006 and in Chennai since 2003.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) to (e) CAS has been implemented after considering the suggestions of all the stakeholders. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also issued interconnection regulations, quality of service regulations and tariff orders after due consultation with all stakeholders including cable operators. Government has, accordingly, amended the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 on 31.7.2006 and specified time-bound activities to be carried out b> Government. TRAI, Broadcasters, Multi-system operators and cable operators, which has ensured the smooth implementation of CAS w.e.f. 31.12.2006.

Free-to-air and pay TV channels

2593 SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of free-to-air and pay TV channels being telecast in the country, channel-wise:

(b) the details of places not having cable connection/where national programmes of Doordarshan are not being telecast;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Details of free to air and pay channels of private broadcasters is enclosed in Statement-I ***(See*** below) Doordarshan is presently operating 30 TV channels which are all free to air. The list of DD channels is enclosed in Statement-II *(See* below). Apart from the above Lok Sabha Television Channel which is run by Lok Sabha Secretariat is also a free to air channel.

(b) to (e) Government has not conducted any survey on cable TV penetration in the country as such no information is available about the places where cable connections are not available. In terrestrial mode, DD-I channel coverage is available to about 91.9% population of the country. Area-wise coverage in about 80.9%.

Multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct +" is also available in the entire country with the exception of A&N Islands. As such places not having cable connection can receive television broadcasting through Doordarshan's DTH service.

Statement-I

List of Free-to-Air Channels

1. Aalami Sahara
2. Aaseervatam **TV**
3. Aastha International
4. Aastha Television Channel
5. Ahimsaa
6. Akash B